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Arkansas Department of Education Launches Fourth Year of Arkansas Declaration of Learning Initiative *More Than 6,000 Students Benefited From Program*

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to launch the fourth year of the Arkansas Declaration of Learning initiative. Arkansas is the first state to participate in the national program and is partnering with the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, the Clinton Foundation, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Reception Rooms.

Over the last three years, the partners collaborated with more than 80 Arkansas school librarians and English language arts, fine arts and social studies teachers in grades seven through 12. Educators developed, taught, and revised innovative units and lesson plans using historic art and objects from the collections of the national and state partners and developed civic engagement projects. To date, more than 6,000 Arkansas students have benefited from the program.

"When you give students the chance to address real issues in history and in their community today, and you give them the historical art and artifacts to analyze and the skills to think their way to their own conclusions, your students will rise to the challenge," stated ADOL participant Marcia Lanier, the librarian at Bryant High School in Bryant, Ark. "They want to think about things that matter and say what matters to them."

Arkansas was chosen as the pilot state to develop the model for the nation's first Declaration of Learning, which was signed by 12 national organizations in January 2013. The Declaration of Learning pledged that five premiere museums located in Washington, D.C., and seven national educational organizations would work with teachers and school librarians to create innovative units, lesson plans, and civic engagement projects that bring history, art, and English language arts to life using historic objects and art.

Arkansas school librarians and teachers of English language arts, fine arts and social studies who are interested in participating in the program should complete the application, which is due by 11:59 p.m. February 16, 2018. Travel stipends will be provided to the selected participants as well as professional development credit. To apply, please visit <http://bit.ly/2AopCBK>.

To learn more about the Arkansas Declaration of Learning initiative, please visit

<http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/library-media-services>.

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